REMARKS

Applicant requests entry of above amendments to the specification and drawings. Applicant also submits herewith a marked-up copy of the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 31 of the specification indicating the addition of a reference numeral which is present in the drawings as filed. Applicant also submits herewith marked-up copies of figures 2, 3, 7, 8, and 11 indicating the proposed changes to the figures. The amendments are submitted to correct the original drawings which contain some reference numerals which are not referred to in the Specification. In the marked-up copy of the drawings, reference numerals to be deleted have been crossed out. No new matter has been added by these amendments. A clean copy of the proposed drawings is also submitted herewith.

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Marked-up Copy of the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 31 with the following:

In the embodiment of Figure 9, each band-like element 720 is seen to comprise peaks 736 of more than one amplitude and troughs 740 of more than one amplitude. Large amplitude peaks 736a and small amplitude peaks 736b alternate as do large amplitude troughs 740a and small amplitude troughs 740b. As in the previous embodiments, the interconnecting elements 744 are oriented at an oblique angle relative to the longitudinal axis 795 of the stent. More generally, the invention is directed at stents comprising band-like elements whose amplitude varies along the band-like element.

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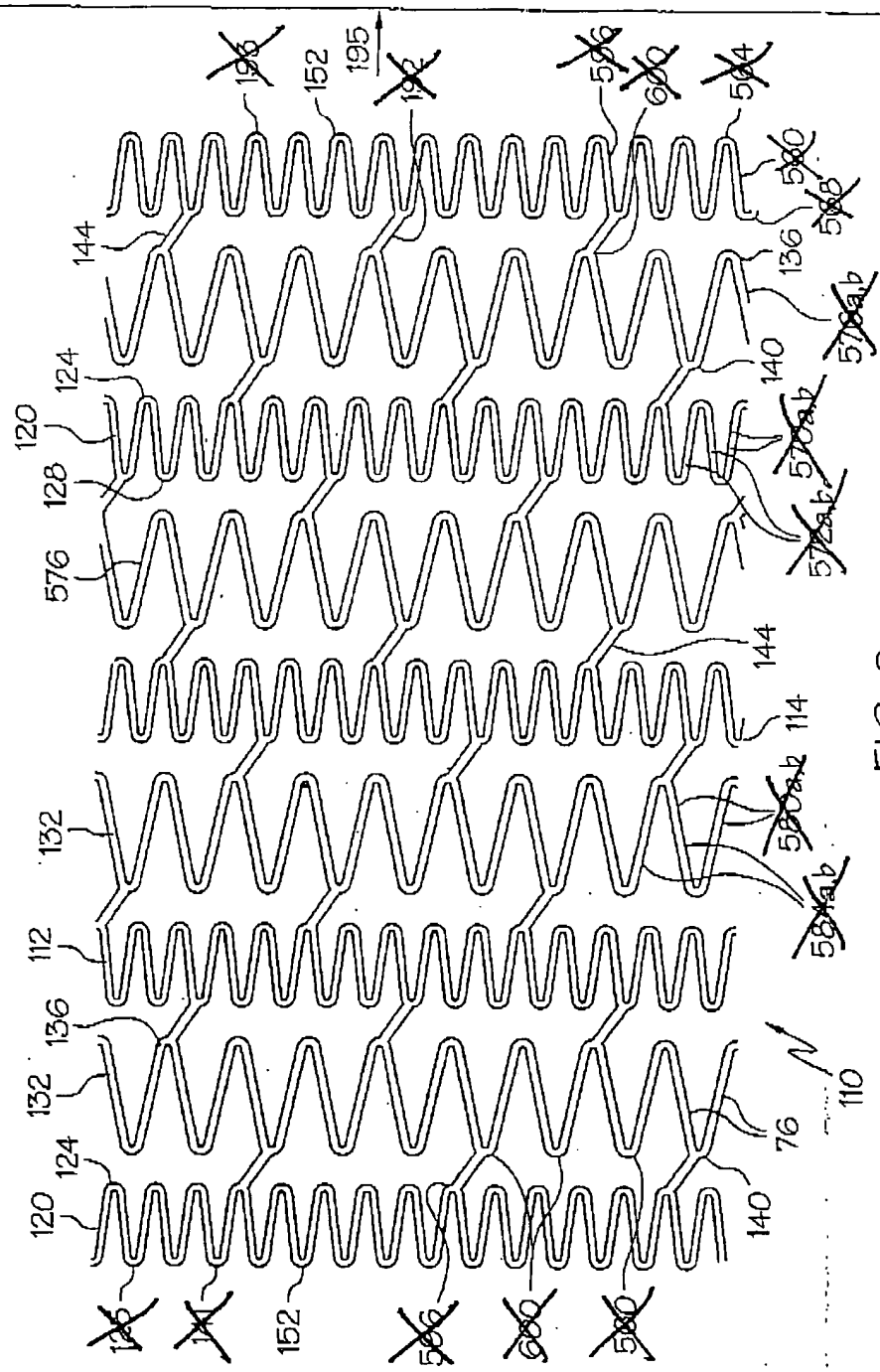

FIG. 2

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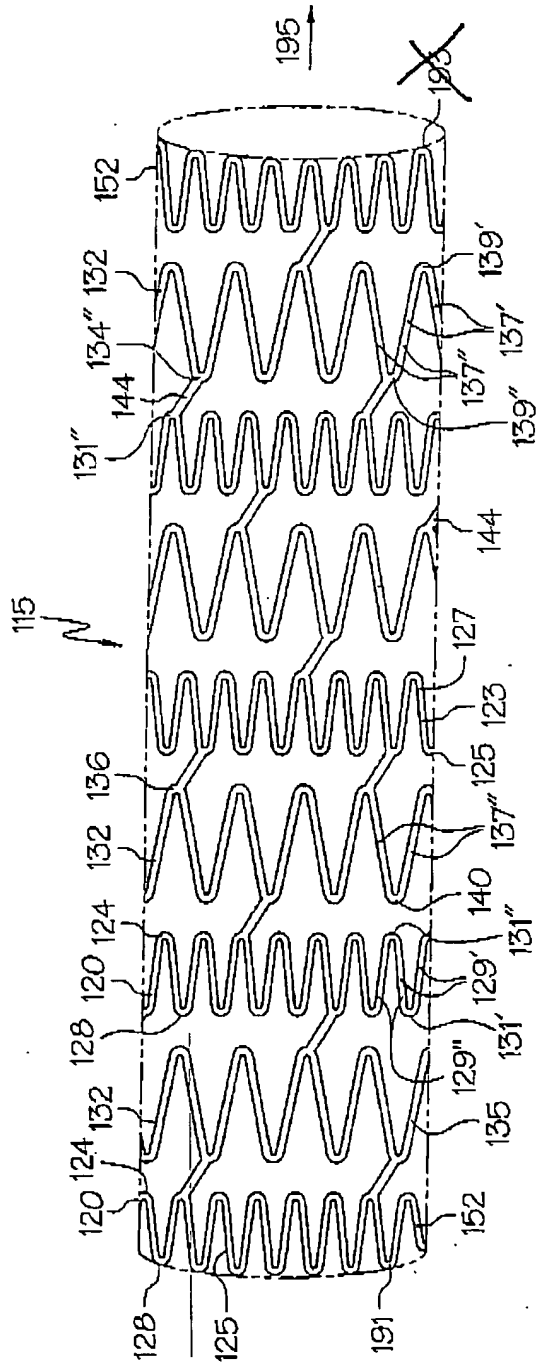

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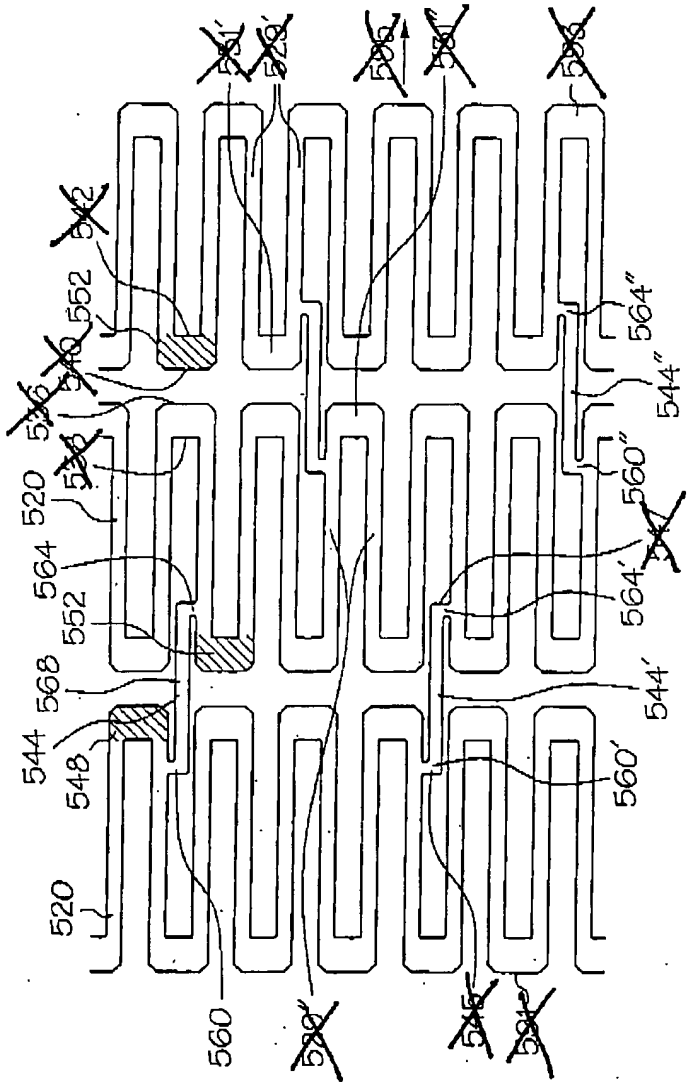

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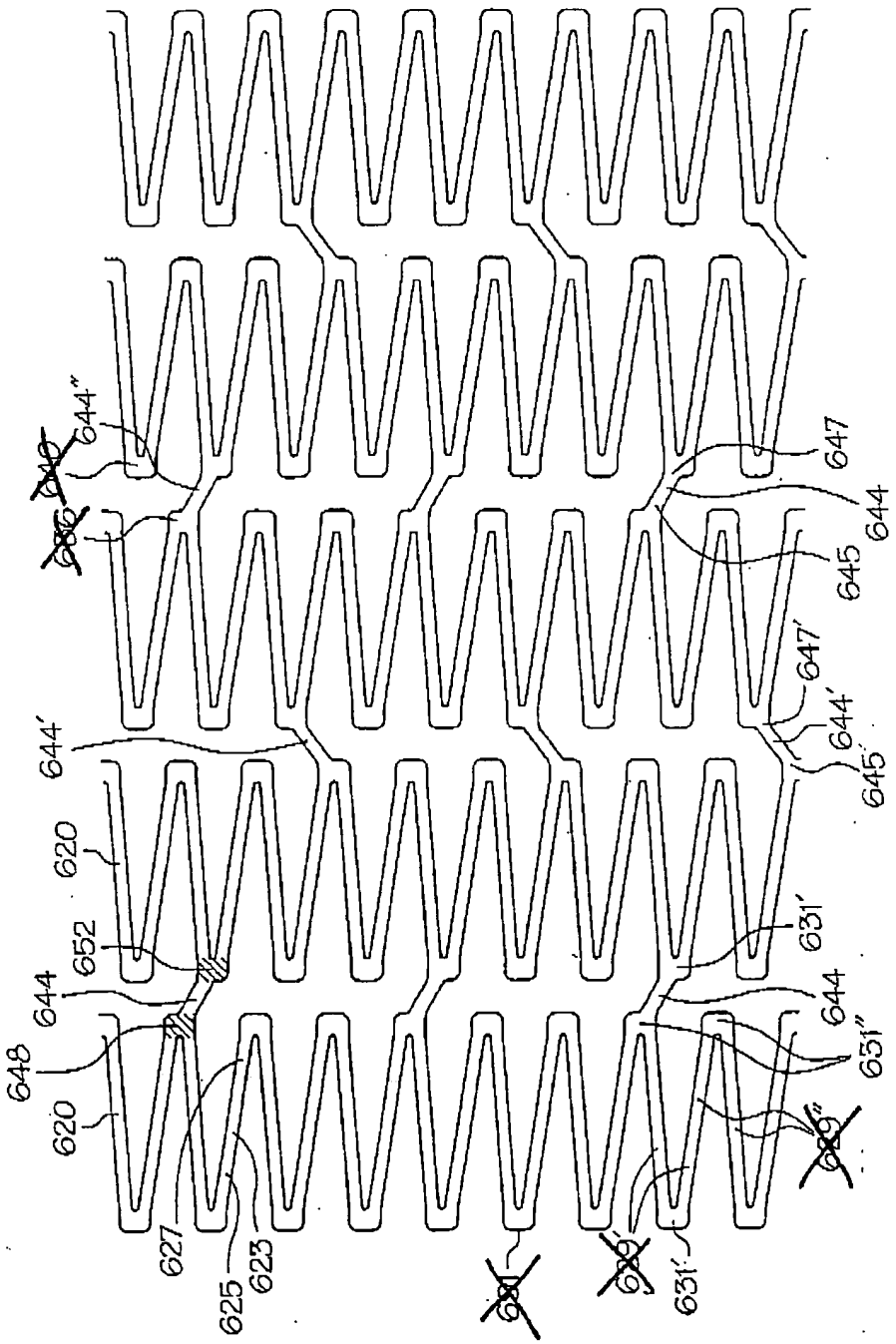

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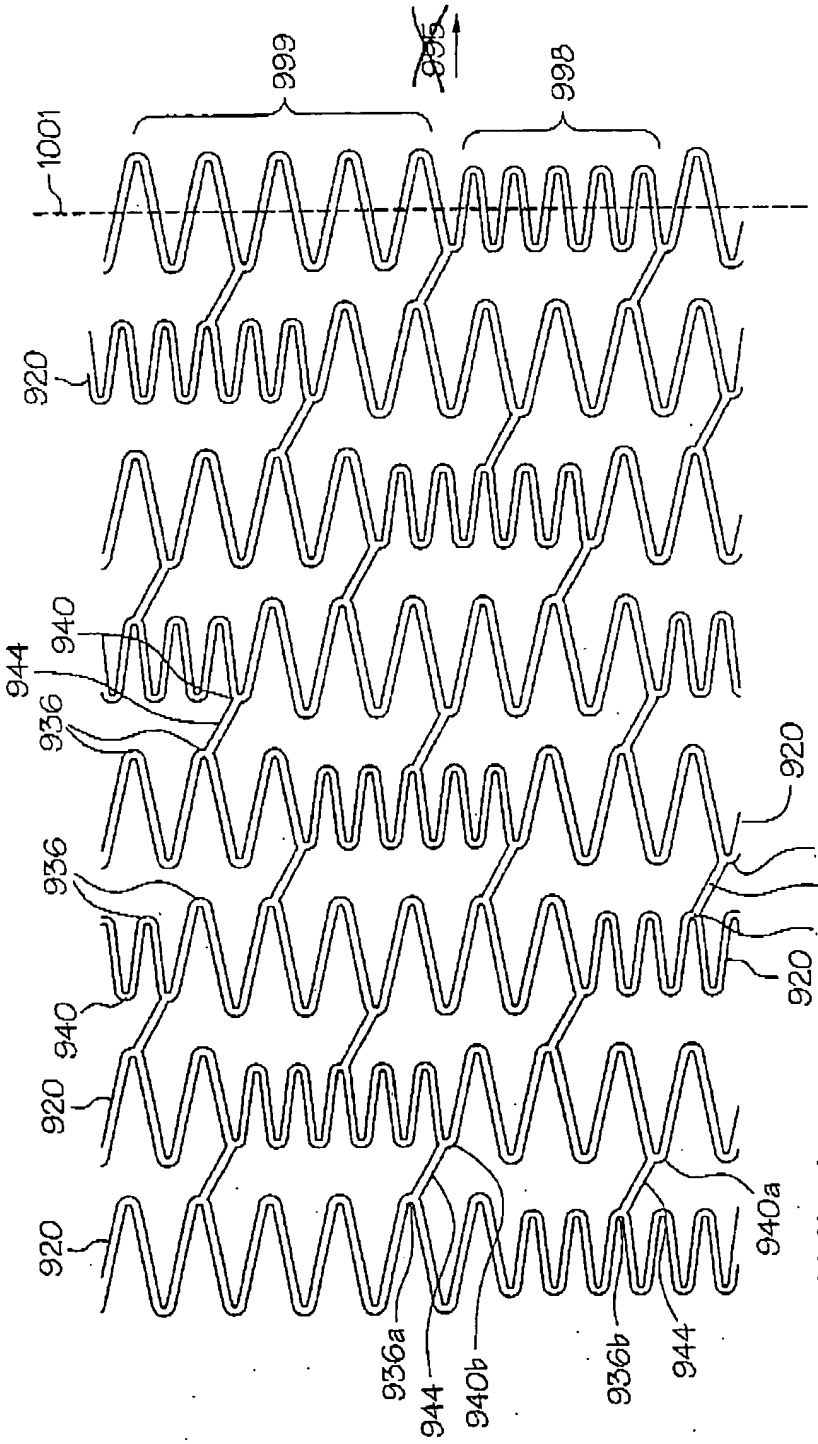

FIG. 11

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